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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Dietetics and Nutrition
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Friday, May 8, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B, first floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	August 14, 2015

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Maryann Eastep, L.D.N., Chair  
Jaime Sherman, Professional Member, Vice-Chairman  
Jackie Griffith, Public Member  
Lucinda Mancuso, Professional Member, Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Timothy Bane, Public Member

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Latonya Brown, Administrative Specialist II  
Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General

**OTHERS PRESENT**

AnaMaria Puente, MUIH  
Susan Testa, MUIH  
Donna Trader, DAND  
Ginger Hodulik  
Natalie McKenney, DAND  
Kimberly Moore, Dietitian Intern  
Deanna Rolland, Dietitian/DAND  
Joan Greeley, MUIH, CNS  
Krista Noelle, CNS, MUIH  
John Alger, CNS, LDN, MUIH

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Eastep called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 13, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Eastep seconded by Ms. Mancuso, to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Discussion of HB69 from David Mangler

Jennifer Singh provided the Board with a brief synopsis of House Bill 69.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Public Hearing on Proposed Regulations (Del Code 3802)

Due to technical difficulties, the Public hearing has been rescheduled for the next Board meeting on August 14, 2015. Ms. Singh advised the public that they may speak and that such comments will be entered as exhibits at the time of the hearing. The comments are as follows:

- Ginger Hodulik- Ms. Hodulik stated that she hopes that the Board will use its authority to update Delaware's law in recognition of a changing and expanding profession and to increase the ability of non-dietitian nutritionists to be licensed and to be recognized as colleagues able to competently serve the public. Ms. Hodulik is suggesting the Board make changes in the language of definitions and her concern is that the new language being considered is a way to deny licensure to those applicants who do not have training in enteral/parenteral nutrition or in administration of food and nutrition care systems.
- Krista Noelle- Ms. Noelle stated that she is a licensed dietitian nutritionist in Maryland but recently moved to Delaware where she plans to seek licensure and begin practicing. Ms. Noelle voiced that her concern, when reviewing the DE application is that the supervised practice experience assessment form requests for hours in activities that are specific to the practice of dietetics, but not for most nutritionist. Ms. Noelle stated that this concerns her because nutritionists who don't chose to train as dietitians typically don't have practice hours in facilities where these skills are part of the job, and also don't typically work in these kinds of facilities. Ms. Noelle is requesting that the Board amends the Delaware law to grant licensure to holders of CNS credential as Maryland does.
- Ana Maria Puente- Ms. Puente stated that she is just retiring from the US Public Health services after a 30 year career. She stated that there have been many changes in health and health care delivery systems over the years. Technology and society as a whole have changed and that is seen a lot in nursing. Also changes in the food industry where obesity in unprecedented rates in the nation. Ms. Puente suggested that since one third of the state of Delaware's population is obese it would behoove the state of Delaware to include other credentials for licensure such as Certified Nutrition Specialist (CNS). Ms. Puente stated that as a health professional, the public good is best served by partnerships and collaboration, she has seen this over a 30 year period and counting.
- Susan Testa- Ms. Testa stated that she is a registered Dietitian (over 20 years) and she is the person that has developed the entire experiential program at Maryland University of Integrated Health. She stated that she is mainly here to

help educate everyone on how vigorous the program is. She noticed the definition of the “Nutritionist Assessment” where “parenteral nutrition” is mentioned and that it is a dietary tool, not so much an assessment tool. Ms. Testa’s stated that it is on the same level as cardiovascular diet or a low/high fat diet and it seems to be misplaced and put in under “Nutritionist Assessment” category and it’s really not a nutritionist assessment itself, they are tools like any other dietary application.

- Donna Trader- Ms. Trader commended the Board for all the hard work they have put into the drafts. She stated that she is supportive of the regulations and she will be submitting written comments at a later time.

#### Ratification of Licenses (CDR)

A motion was made by Ms. Eastep, seconded by Ms. Sherman to ratify the following CDR applicants who had been granted a licensure by the Division of Professional Regulation: Erin Sullivan and Kristin Wiens. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **COMPLAINT STATUS**

35-02-14 Open

35-01-15 Referred to AG

#### **OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

##### Virtual nutrition counseling & evaluations

Ms. Singh stated that we will address this at the next meeting since it is tied in with HB 69.

##### Discussion of HB 69 Telemedicine

Ms. Singh reviewed the HB 69 Telemedicine with the Board and stated that it defines tele health and telemedicine. Ms. Singh suggested putting Tele health Regulation discussion and to bring in other boards (Psych and PT) tele health regulations for the next meeting.

##### Review of the amended Supervised Practice Experience Assessment Form

Ms. Brown explained to the Board that some of the requested corrections on the Supervised Practice Experience Assessment form were rejected. Ms. Miccio informed Ms. Brown that the only correct changes are the capitalization and that will be converted for a substantive reason. The 2 parenthesis is correct and does not need to be changed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Alger, a licensed dietetic nutritionist in Maryland and DC, questioned the Board about the requirements for licensure. The Board referenced him to the Rules and Regulations Section 2.1- 2.3.

#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Friday, August 14, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Eastep, seconded by Ms. Mancuso to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Latonya Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Latonya Brown

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